

REV. AND MRS. MACK P. JONES, missionary appointees for Paraguay, learn about their new job in an orientation session at Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board headquarters, Richmond, Va.

State Natives Go To Paraguay

RICHMOND, Va.—Rev. and Mrs. Mack P. Jones, natives of Mississippi, were among the 21 missionaries appointed by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its semi-annual full meeting in April. They will serve in Paraguay.

Prior to the appointment of the missionaries, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, gave his report to the board, dealing particularly with the nation-wide evangelistic crusade of the Japan Baptist new life movement and with oppor-

tunities for world evangelism today.

Dr. Cauthen had just returned from Japan where he preached to more than 10,000 persons in the last of five city-wide meetings in Tokyo and saw more than 600 indicate decisions for Christ at the close of the service.

Following the Tokyo campaign, meetings began in individual Baptist churches, and these will continue throughout Japan for four weeks. Helping with the crusade are several hundred Baptist pastors, musicians, and other laymen from the United States.

They now live in Klamath Falls, Ore., where he has pastored First Baptist Church, largest church in the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, since February, 1961. Previously he was pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Eugene, Ore., First Baptist Church, McLean, Miss., Mossy Creek Baptist Church, Moss, Miss., Montrose (Miss.) Baptist Church, and Liberty Baptist Church, Fairford, Ala.

Telling of his desire to serve overseas, Mr. Jones said he (Continued on page 2)

Quarles Receives Commendation of Executive Group

A resolution, expressing "grateful appreciation" to Dr. Chester L. Quarles for his 12 years of service as executive secretary, has been passed by the Executive Committee of the Board.

The Executive Committee, in its April meeting, unanimously approved the following resolution:

"Be it Resolved that the Executive Committee express grateful appreciation to Dr. Chester L. Quarles for thirteen years of service as Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. These years have been characterized by vision, courage, patience, challenge, and Christ-centered devotion.

"That we express our thanks to our Heavenly Father for providing such a dedicated leader for Mississippi Baptists during these past years, and that we sincerely petition God to strengthen and guide him as he continues to lead us in the main stream of God's purposes."

Dr. Quarles began his work as executive secretary of the State Convention Board April 1, 1950, succeeding Dr. D. A. McCall.

Leaders Named For Ridgecrest Student Retreat

NASHVILLE — Four young people who have achieved national fame will headline the annual nation-wide conference of Southern Baptist students at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist assembly June 6-12.

Bill Moyers, deputy director of the Peace Corps, Washington, D. C., will speak on "A student's answer to the Communist question."

Gregory Walcott, Hollywood television and motion picture actor, will bring the closing message, "My Mission Here and Now."

Jerry Stovall, 1962 all-American halfback with Louisiana State University, now with the St. Louis Cardinals, will give his testimony as a Christian athlete.

Miss Linda Loftis, Texas Christian University student, who was Miss Texas of 1961 and runner-up for the Miss America title, will bring a message in song during several of the evening services.

Carey Rally Set For April 21

Owen Cooper, former president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and well-known layman from Yazoo City, will be the major speaker in Hattiesburg on April 21 at a Baptist rally for William Carey College.

The rally is scheduled for 3 PM at Temple Church and will focus an emphasis on the William Carey development program which is now underway in eight separate areas of the state.

"Through this means we hope to reach every available Baptist, as well as every interested citizen of Hattiesburg with the challenge of Christian higher education which is represented in our own midst by William Carey College," said Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college.

Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, pastor of Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, will preside over the rally. Dr. Lewis White, host pastor of Temple Church, will lead a brief devotional period.

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NEW SS ASSOCIATE

Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., of Mobile, Ala., has accepted the post of associate in the Sunday School Department, effective April 15.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, in making the announcement, said that he would be a replacement for Joseph M. Haynes, who resigned recently to accept a position with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Conniff prior to that had (Continued on page 2)

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State Baptists Look To Kansas City

An estimated 700 Mississippi Baptists are expected to attend the one hundred sixth session of the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet May 10 in the commodious Municipal Auditorium at Kansas City, Mo.

The convention last met in the Missouri city in 1956, and had met there only twice before, in 1923 and 1905.

There were 351 Mississippians registered at the convention last year in San Francisco and 505 registered the previous year at the meeting in St. Louis.

The convention will meet earlier this year than in several years, the usual time being late in May or early in June.

Many on Committees

While no Mississippian will have an important part on program, several from the state are members of convention or convention-related committees and will be active during the session.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of First Church, Jackson, is a member of the convention's Executive Committee and also a member of the Committee on Statement of Faith that will report at this session.

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman, is also a member of

the Executive Committee. Members of the Jubilee Advance Committee are Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Joe Abrams, Associate Editor of the Baptist Record.

Rev. Howard Aultman, pastor of Columbia's First Baptist Church, is a member of the Committee on Boards, while Dr. Joe T. Cole, Baptist Record Editor, is a member of the Committee on state Baptist papers.

Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, is a member of the Committee on Denominational Calendar.

Starts Tuesday Night

The convention will get underway Tuesday evening at 6:45 o'clock with Dr. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, well-

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April Half Way For

Cooperative Giving

"Will your church be half-way—or better—at the half-way mark?" asked Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Quarles said that April 20 will mark the half-way mark for this convention year and the record of Cooperative Program giving of the churches will appear in the Baptist Record late in May.

In asking the above question Dr. Quarles is urging every church to begin now to be not only half-way but ahead of the half-way mark on April 30th.

In making the above statement he stated that Cooperative Program receipts for the first five months of this convention year, ending March 31, totaled \$1,032,582.82, a gain of \$11,862.80 over the same period a year ago.

"While we are grateful for this increase, a 7 per cent gain will be necessary this convention year in order to meet our budget of \$2,786,000," he declared.

March receipts totaled \$235,021.45, an increase of \$49,961.00 over the \$185,040.36 given in March a year ago.

Catch Up Decreases

"While we rejoice over this increase, its effect was to catch up with the decreases we and experienced in November, December and February," he said.

Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, associate executive secretary, has urged every church to check up on its Cooperative Program giving thus far this convention year and plan now to "be more than half way at the half-way mark."

Specifically, he made the following suggestions:

Churches that have not made

Two Rural Church Conferences Ready

Two Rural Church conferences have been planned for the state for the month of June, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, Cooperative Missions secretary.

One will be held June 3-5 at Roosevelt State Park, Morton with the other to be held June 6-8 at Tombigbee State Park, six miles east of Tupelo.

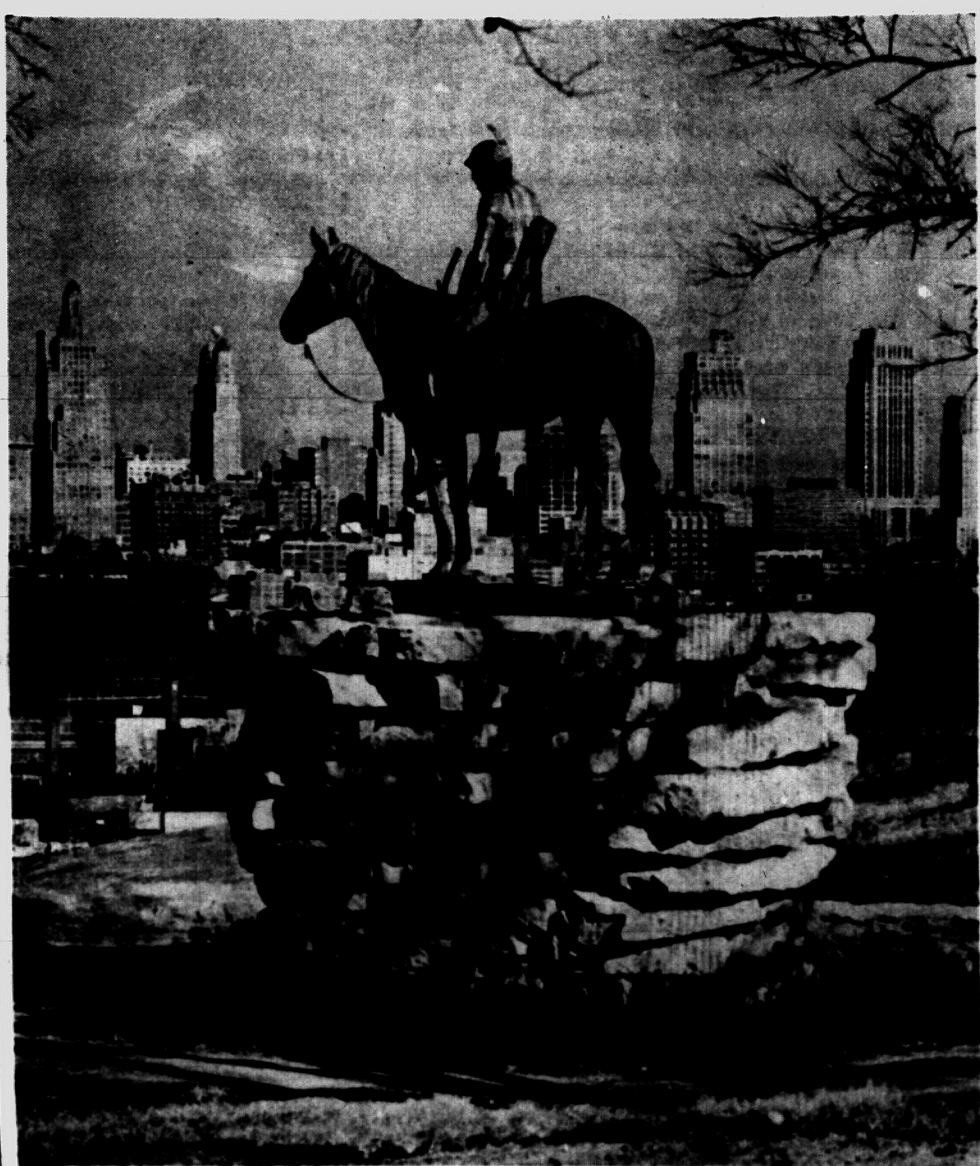
These conferences will largely consist of preaching, testimonies, fellowship and recreation.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, several rural pastors and superintendents of missions, will appear on program. Out-of-state program personalities will include Dr. Courts Redford, executive secretary-treasurer, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga. and Dr. James Southernland, president of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.

Write Immediately

Facilities at Roosevelt Park will provide for fifty people to sleep in the cabins. Capacity at Tombigbee Park is one hundred. Each person attending is requested to furnish his own equipment.

People who wish to stay in the cabins are urged to write to the Cooperative Missions Department, Box 220, Jackson, Miss., as soon as possible. There will be no charge for cabin use. Those attending who desire to, may bring their own tents or sleeping



STATUE GUARDS CITY—The Statue of the Scout in Penn Valley Park overlooks Kansas City, Mo. The city is known for its parks, another of which is spacious Swope Park. Kansas City is scene of the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention session May 7-10. (BP) Photo

JAPAN AREA CRUSADES—

3,337 Decisions Recorded

TOKYO (BP)—A total of 3,337 decisions were recorded in area-wide crusades held at five major Japanese cities as a part of the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

Estimated total attendance for the five big area meetings was 60,000. The big meetings were held in Tokyo, Sapporo, 479; and in Fukuoka, 450.

A three-day crusade in Koura on the island of Kyushu averaged 2,800 attendance every night in spite of cold and rainy weather. On the opening night, 187 made decisions.

Missionary Marion F. Moorehead said it was so cold he was surprised anyone came at all.

Pouring Rain

During the closing session at Nagoya, about 175 miles west of Tokyo, 4,000 were present and 180 made decisions while it was pouring rain outside. During the opening meeting at Nagoya, people lined up outside Kenyama gym at 5:30 p.m. in order to get seats for the 6:30 service.

During the area meeting in Fukuoka on the island of Kyushu, 450 made decisions, including the associate director of the Nippon Philharmonic orchestra which played at the meeting. Yoichiro Fukunaga said the new life movement had completely rejuvenated his life, and he pledged himself to do everything possible to help his small church.

Negro Worshippers Accepted At First, Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Two large white churches here, First Baptist and First Presbyterian, accepted several Negro worshippers for Easter services Sunday, according to an Associated Press dispatch.

Three other white churches turned Negroes away.

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Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Music Hall
Kansas City, Missouri

MAY 6-7, 1963

W. Herschel Ford, Texas—President
T. L. McSwain, Kentucky—Vice-President
Robert N. Stapp, California—Secretary-Treasurer
William G. Burkett, Alabama—Music Director
Marlin Jones, Alabama—Pianist
Lou Jones, Alabama—Organist

Theme: "The Simple Gospel for Sinful Times"

MONDAY—MAY 6, 1963

Monday Morning Session

9:00 Music—"To God Be The Glory"
9:05 Scripture and Prayer—W. Ross Edwards, Missouri
9:10 Welcome Address—Thomas S. Field, Missouri
9:15 Response—T. L. McSwain, Kentucky
9:20 Message—Vance Havner, North Carolina
9:30 Music
9:35 "The Promised Messiah"—Isaiah 53:1-9—E. S. James, Texas
10:25 Music
10:30 "Salvation by Grace"—Ephesians 2:8—John W. Salzman, Arizona
11:00 Music—Mrs. Martha Branham, Texas
11:05 "The Precious Blood of Christ"—1 Peter 1:18-19—T. Earl Ogg, Louisiana
11:35 Special Music—Sam Allen, Oklahoma
11:40 "The Love of God" John 3:16—Warren Hultgren, Oklahoma
12:10 Closing Prayer—Arthur H. Stainback, Missouri

Monday Afternoon Session

1:45 Concert—West End Baptist Chancel Choir, Birmingham, Ala.
2:00 Music—"Stand Up for Jesus"
2:05 Scripture and Prayer—Tilford L. Junkins, Alabama
2:10 Message—Vance Havner
2:40 Music
2:45 "The Holy Spirit"—John 16:7-11—Brooks Ramsey, Georgia
3:15 Music—Mrs. Martha Branham
3:20 "Sunday School Witnessing Program"—Kenneth Chafin, Texas
3:40 "Hell"—Luke 16:19-31—Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee
4:10 Closing Prayer—Forrest C. Garrard Jr., Georgia

Monday Evening Session

7:00 Music
7:10 Scripture and Prayer—Jared Y. Cartlidge, Texas
7:15 Message—Vance Havner
7:45 Music
7:50 "Our New Orientation Program"—Philip Harris, Tennessee
8:10 Election of Officers
8:20 Offering
8:30 "Bringing Men to Jesus"—John 1:42—W. M. Jones, South Carolina
9:00 Special Music—Mrs. Martha Branham
9:05 "The Preacher and His Message"—1 Corinthians 2:2, H. Leo Eddleman, Louisiana
9:35 Closing Prayer—Robert W. Clark, Florida

TUESDAY—MAY 7, 1963

Tuesday Morning Session

9:00 Music
9:10 Scripture and Prayer—Paul Denington, Tennessee
9:15 Message—Charles B. Howard, North Carolina
9:45 Music
9:50 "The Church That Jesus Built"—Matthew 16:13-18—John E. Hays, South Carolina
10:20 Music—Ginger Caraway, Louisiana
10:25 "The New Birth"—John 3:1-8—K. Owen White, Texas
10:35 Offering
11:00 Music—Jack Day, Florida
11:05 "The Christian Home"—Joshua 24:14-15—Jess Moody, Florida
11:35 Special Music—Mrs. Martha Branham
11:40 "The Cross of Christ"—Galatians 6:14—W. A. Criswell, Texas
12:15 Closing Prayer—J. Ralph McIntyre, Tennessee

Tuesday Afternoon Session

2:00 Music
2:10 Scripture and Prayer—W. I. (Bill) Thomas, Texas
2:15 Message—Charles B. Howard
2:45 Music—James Caraway
2:50 "The Land of No Tears"—Revelation 7:13-17—J. Connelly Evans, Florida
3:20 Presentation of New Officers
3:25 Offering
3:30 Special Music—Mrs. Martha Branham
3:35 "The Second Coming of Christ"—1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—Robert G. Lee, Tennessee
4:15 Closing Prayer—William B. Williams, Texas

in reaching the goal for April 28. Rev. Athens McNeil is pastor.

New SS . . .

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served as an associate in the Alabama Sunday School Department.

Howard Graduate

He is a graduate of Howard College, (Baptist) in Birmingham, and Southwestern Seminary Fort Worth, Texas. He has also done special studies at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Conniff was the former Mildred Jacobs, of Bessemer, a student in high school.



THE MOUNTAINEER COLLEGE STUDENTS have been elected Editors and Business Managers of campus student publications for the 1963-64 session. They are seated, left to right: Mary Ella Pigford, New Albany, Co-Editor, THE MOUNTAINEER, College yearbook; Jane Hawkins, Mooreville, Editor-in-Chief, THE MOUNTAINEER; Kay Feste, Miami, Florida, Editor, THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE, student literary journal; and Lynn Black, Orlando, Florida, Business Manager, THE MOUNTAIN BREEZE. Standing, left to right: Jane Bennett, Blue Mountain, Business Manager, The B. M. Soir, campus newspaper; Brenda Haggard, Louisville, Editor, The B. M. Soir; and Johnnie Vance, Myrtle, Mississippi, Business Manager, THE MOUNTAINEER, school yearbook.



AT MISSISSIPPI CLUB BANQUET—Dr. Samuel Southard (seated, left), associate professor of psychology of religion at Southern Seminary, talks with Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the BAPTIST RECORD, and Dr. Foy Rogers, secretary department of Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Missions, at the annual Mississippi Club Banquet at the seminary. Standing (left to right) are the seminary's Mississippi Club officers: Arlis Hinson, Tommy Deaton, Tom Fanning, Malcolm Lambert, and Dorey Denton. Each year for several years the Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and the Editor of the Baptist Record have visited some of the seminary campuses for dinners with the Mississippi students. This year Dr. Rogers represented Dr. Quarles at the Louisville meeting.

DR. MCKAY'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Sallye McKay, 83, of Pelahatchie (mother of Dr. Charles McKay, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Baptist Convention Board of Phoenix, Arizona, and a former Mississippian) died Sunday afternoon, April 14, after an extended illness.

Mrs. McKay, a native of Rankin County, was the widow of Charlie C. McKay.

Other survivors include Mrs. Ethel Alman of Jackson and Mrs. Ruth Edwards of Leland; three sons besides Charles—James McKay of Pelahatchie, Guy McKay of Jackson, Grover McKay of Pearl; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 15, at the Holly Bush Methodist Church, with Dr. G. Norman Price, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, and Rev. J. C. Renfroe, McLaurin Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, officiating.

State Native . . .

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feels he "can mean more to more people, for their good and God's glory, in foreign mission work than here at home." Mrs. Jones said: "Though the American Northwest is a mission field in itself, there are many people capable of serving here but few who can or who are willing to answer the foreign mission call."

Mr. and Mrs. Jones applied to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment after attending the foreign missions program at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco, Calif., last June.

Both began considering mission service as teenagers. They contacted the Board about possible appointment a number of years ago, but at that time a health condition presented a problem.

Mr. Jones, born on a farm in Wayne County, Mississippi, says that although his parents could not give their children everything they might have desired in the way of material possessions, they gave "a Christian example, philosophy of life, and love that is without

Ala. They have two children, Dennis E. Conniff, III, a student at Southwestern Seminary and Charles E. Conniff, a student in high school.



Gilfoyle Chooses BSU Officers

The 1963-64 Executive B. S. U. Council of Gilfoyle School of Nursing, Jackson, includes:

President, Linda Rayborn; Vice-President, Betty Coursey;

Secretary, Margie Morgan; Social Chairman, Mary Griggs;

Enlistment Chairman, Donna Ahrens; Devotional Leader, Faith Walker; Mu Alpha Scope Editor, Ladell Holloway; Y. W. A.

President, Dutha Rayborn; E.

Z. C. President, Judy Chance;

Organizational Chairmen, Carolyn Keen, Gail Helton; Chaplain, Carolyn Melton; Christian Citizenship, Elaine Triplett;

Denominational Leader, Barbara Stouffer; Music Chairman, Carol Ely; Extension Leaders, Ola Lee Burns, Hollis Thomas;

Mission Chairman, Joe Martin;

Publicity Chairman, Sylvia Gibson;

Stewardship Workers, Carol Charlton; Faculty Advisor, Miss Dorothy Barnes; Pastor Advisor, Rev. James Parker, B.

S. U. Director, Miss Kathryn Bearden.

Linda Rayborn, President, is from Jayess.

price."

Spirit of Prayer
"In our home there was a spirit of prayer and love for our church," he says. "We laughed lots and had much fun." At school in Clara, Miss., he "learned to consider the needs and rights of others," he says.

Graduate of MC

He graduated from Jones County Junior College, Ellisville, Miss., with the associate of arts degree, from Mississippi College, Clinton, with the bachelor of arts degree, and from

New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary with the bachelor of divinity degree.

Mrs. Jones, the former

Marie Martin, graduated from Mississippi Southern College (now the University of Southern Mississippi), in Hattiesburg, her home town, with the

bachelor of music degree, having

attended the school on a

music scholarship. During

college days she was selected

twice to sing solos in The Mes-

iah with professional singers,

an honor shared by only one

other student, and was elect-

ed to Who's Who Among Stu-

dents in American Universities

and Colleges and to Pi Kappa

Lambda, an honorary music

society.

The April appointments bring

the Foreign Mission Board's

total overseas staff to 1,687 (in-

cluding 17 missionary associ-

ates).

The number of women in the United States is increasing faster than males. In 1960, there were 76.1 million females in the United States, compared with 75.2 million males. In

1960, there were 81 million

females, compared with 80.3

million males.

More than 100 million pre-

scriptions are written in the

United States each year for

tranquillizers and other drugs

affecting mental health.

"Strongly suggestive evidence"

of "very considerable overuse,

if not abuse, of some of these

drugs" was reported by Dr.

Frith A. Freyhan, an expert of

the National Institute of Men-

tal Health.

Central Africa

Convention Set

The Baptist Convention of Central Africa was organized in January by representatives from 28 Baptist churches and more than 100 mission points related to Southern Baptist mission work in Southern Rhodesia. Mission work in Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, other countries of Central Africa, is only a little more than three years old.

"This is more than just another step forward in the work of advancing Christ and His Kingdom in Central Africa," says Southern Baptist Missionary John R. Cheyne, general secretary of the new convention. "This is a major transition from the germ idea of missionary teaching and preaching to the establishment of the same kind of organization that brings Southern Baptists together in the extension of mission work around the world."

"The logical progression of mission work is from the new birth of one lost soul, to the birth of a congregation of newborn souls as a church, to the birth of an organization of those bodies of believers in a cooperative convention to extend their work."

Began Decade Ago

Baptists began the process of bringing people in Central Africa to Christ just a little more than a decade ago. Discussions about the possibility of establishing a convention have been going on for several years, but the first formal meeting was held in September, 1962, when representatives from all the churches came together, agreed to proceed with the convention, and appointed a committee of seven men, including a missionary adviser, to draft a constitution.

The proposed constitution, sent to each of the churches for careful consideration, was adopted by church representatives at the January meeting.

"An indication of the harmony among the group is the fact that, while there was a lively Baptist debate on most points, the constitution was adopted with very minor amendments," Mr. Cheyne says.

"It is difficult to describe the thrill that one feels seeing people who were just a few years ago completely unaware of the existence of Christ discuss the pros and cons of a detailed constitution that spells out the basic Baptist principles

and New Testament concepts of Christian fellowship," he adds.

Dr. Jerry Breazeale of Natchez, has accepted the pastorate of the Raymond Church and will occupy the church's pulpit for the first time on Sunday, April 7. Breazeale has served as pastor of Bethel Church in Adams County since that church was constituted.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John Breazeale of Brandon, he completed his high school education at Brandon High School and graduated from Mississippi College with a major in history and minors in Bible and English. He received from New Orleans Seminary the Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1958, the Master of Theology degree in 1959, and the Doctor of Theology degree in 1961.

F. E. Bearden is chairman of the Pulpit Committee of the Raymond Church.

Breazeale was serving as mission pastor of Morgantown Church when Bethel Mission was begun. He was called as pastor when the church was constituted in 1959, and has served in that capacity since. He has held offices in Adams County Association, the Adams County Baptist, Pastors Conference, and the Natchez Area Ministerial Association.

Parkway Releases Kindergarten Plans

Parkway Church's Kindergarten and Nursery School in Jackson invites all interested parents and children to attend the pre-registration to be held Tuesday, April 23, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Children's Building on Eureka Street. Children who will be four or five years old before January 1, 1964, are eligible.

Parents who cannot bring their children to register at this time or would like further information, may call Mrs. Lake Colson at either FL 2-4555 or FL 2-4322.

The registration fee is four dollars and the tuition is fifteen dollars. The enrollment will be limited.

Parkway Kindergarten is entering its thirteenth year as an approved school by the State Child Welfare Department of Mississippi.

Sunday School Department



Associates
Carolyn Madison
John Alexander
W. T. Douglas
Dennis Conniff, Jr.

CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCE

April 23-24

Revivals In Our Time

By Landrum P. Leavell
Pastor, First Church, Gulfport

I am not an authority on the subject of revivals, yet I am privileged to "do the work of an evangelist" several times each year away from my own church. On the basis of this rather limited experience I have come to some conclusions which I feel are valid.

I do not believe that it is any harder to have a revival today than in other periods of history, regardless of what "conflicts" can be mentioned. The devil has always seen to it that there were other interests to claim the attention of people. This is not a twentieth century phenomenon. The reason for so many "meetings" and so few revivals is attributable, in the main, to the attitude of pastor and people. When preachers adopt an apologetic demeanor toward the whole business, rest assured that this will extend to and permeate the entire congregation.

Revivals are hard work. The "hard work" involved in a revival meeting does not begin when the visiting evangelist arrives, it simply continues. It must have been begun prior to the special services. It is well nigh impossible for an evangelist to both "sow the seed" and "reap the harvest" during a one-week evangelistic emphasis. The Holy Spirit must be in control as a result of diligent, Biblical preparation, else there will be no harvest.

What Is Preparation?
Someone might ask, "What do you mean by preparation?" I feel that it involves (1) praying. In many ways this is the most important matter of all, yet prayer alone will not turn the tide against the devil and for the Lord. We must be prepared through prayer, but it is also essential that we become witnesses. Sometimes we are misled into putting our faith in a system or a plan. Cottage prayer meetings are good, all night chains of prayer are fine, but these can be overworked and cannot be expected to produce results by themselves.

There must be variety in the call we issue for our people to unite in prayer. Having cottage prayer meetings for a week preceding a revival will not insure revival. Many of those who most need to pray won't pray. After we have enlisted all of those who know how to pray and will pray, there still must be a compassionate witness. It is true that you can do no more than pray until you have prayed, but it is also true that you can do more than pray after you have prayed.

If you have asked God for power in witnessing, and you believe God heard your prayer, then start witnessing. You will never know whether or not He has answered your prayer until you get out there where people need a Christian testimony. Now if this is medieval midwifery, then the blame must go to Jesus for He set the pattern in Luke 10. Interestingly enough, we find the result of this type of witnessing in Luke 10:17, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy Name." We must call our people to pray and then send them out like Jesus did the seventy.

Second Factor Involved

There is a second factor involved in revival in our time. I feel that proper preparation involves (2) prospecting. Determine who your prospects are and begin to work them before the revival. Every pastor ought to have a group of people that he is seeking to win to Christ throughout the entire year. Don't try to dunk cold, indifferent lost people into the fires of revival without having first warmed them up a little. The change of temperature might only result in disaster. The liveliest prospects any church has are those who have shown enough interest to attend some of the services or maybe to enroll in Sunday School. Start there.

Don't kill all of your time and the enthusiasm of your evangelist by taking him to see those hardened sinners who have never darkened the door of the church since you've been pastor there or in the memory of the townpeople. It is not likely that they will be won over by such a visit. Chances are it will only give an old reprobate something else to crow about, for he is proud of the number of preachers and opportunities he has ruined. The point of this is not that we should "give up" in such cases, but the point is that the live prospects for a week of revival services are those who are manifesting

some interest. Keep on working on that lost fellow who is abjectly indifferent, but his salvation will more likely come as a result of pastoral concern and cultivation than by a one hour visit by an outsider. I have found that the best prospects for visitation with the evangelist are those who were in the service the night before.

May Make Mistake

Sometimes you find an evangelist who wants to spend all of his time "studying" or meditating in his hotel room. When you get a man like this, you have made a mistake!

If he has no concern for people, then you cannot expect him to lead your people to be concerned for others. We register the attendance of those present in all the night services, including our own members. We use the Revival Attendance Record Envelope available from the Baptist Book Store. From these envelopes we get the names and addresses of those who are interested in our church. In the main, those who show enough interest to attend will be the ones to unite with the church during the meeting.

Perhaps someone will ask, "Are you only interested in getting new members during a revival?" The answer to this is an emphatic no, but on the other hand this is a vital part of real revival. There are many

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known to Mississippians, in the chair.

Dr. Carl E. Bates, a native of Liberty, Miss., but now pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N. C., will preach the annual sermon which will bring the opening session to a close.

"To Make Men Free" will be the convention theme. The meeting is scheduled to close Tuesday evening following a presentation of the work of the Home Mission Board.

The election of officers is scheduled for Thursday afternoon. Principal interest will be in the election of a new president to succeed Dr. Hobbs, who will not be eligible for re-election, according to convention constitution.

The convention at Kansas City will be the first meeting since the body became the largest evangelical denomination in the world.

Has 32,892 Churches

Latest figures released in February by the Department of Research and Statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., show the denomination now has 10,183,052 members, surpassing the Methodist Church.

The convention, according to the report, has 32,892 churches, located in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Several related meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday prior to the convention.

Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, will meet in Municipal Auditorium beginning Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. W. E. Hannah, of Clinton, state WMU president, is by virtue of her office a vice-president of the Southern WMU.

The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference will be held at the Municipal Auditorium beginning Monday at 9:30 a.m.

The Southern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet at Midwestern Baptist Seminary beginning at 1:30

who are saying today that our need is for less quantity and more quality. Some pastors are unconcerned about new members. If we think that we can solve the problems of our churches by closing our membership, we should be consistent and solve the problem of juvenile delinquency by not having any more children. Keep in mind that Jesus instructed us to go into "all the world," and this includes approximately two and one-half billion people. Somebody had better get interested in numbers right now.

Third Factor

There is a third factor in preparation for revival, and that is (3) preaching. Conviction precedes repentance, and conviction comes by the Holy Spirit. The way I read the New Testament there seems to be a correlation between the type of preaching being done and the conviction work of the Holy Spirit. When Paul preached to Felix he used a good, orthodox, three-point sermon. But what a sermon it must have been! He talked about (1) Morality, (2) Self-control, and (3) Judgment to come. He wasn't speaking in an unknown tongue, for Felix knew whereof he spoke. The power of God so flooded the heart of that unregenerate Roman that the Book says, "Felix trembled." I am sure he must have, for Paul had denounced the personal sin of the man, not the general sins of society.

Some of my preacher brethren think that they are the only ones preaching the gospel, and that all others have departed from the ranks. I do not share this view. Most preachers I know are preaching from the Book. If it is my conviction, however, that all of us need to make a little bit more definite application of what the Bible says to twentieth Century people. Revival will only come as a result of conviction and repentance, and it seems the Holy Spirit has an affinity for sermons that take a stand against sins (plural) and point the way to forgiveness, salvation and restoration.

Jesus Set Pattern

Jesus Christ set the pattern we should follow. He talked with the rich young man about possessions, for that is what he had a lot of and that was the barrier that kept him from being saved. Our Lord talked to a woman at a well about her marital status, or lack of it, for this was the sin in her life that was of mountainous proportions. The Saviour talked with Zachaeus at lunch one day, and though this conversation is not recorded, I believe he must have talked about honesty, for Zachaeus left that luncheon and repaid the folks he had cheated. Revival has got to start with Christians, for the word itself means "live again." Our members must be confronted with their sin and personal accountability before they repent. The Gospel does not become oblivious to everyday sin in human lives.

No, it is not easy to have revival today, nor has it been easy in any other period of recorded history. Don't put the blame for the dearth of revival on extenuating circumstances, for it is our fault, not

Monday afternoon.

The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference will be held at Calvary Baptist Church beginning at 9 o'clock Monday.

Carey Receives Memorial Gift

The donor of a \$30,000 gift to the development program of William Carey College was announced by Dr. J. Ralph Noonester, president of the college at a citizens' dinner meeting in Hattiesburg.

The gift, made by Isaac Houston Bass, president of the Bass Pecan Company, at Lumberton, is a memorial to the late wife of Mr. Bass, Hoyt Fenn Bass.

The \$30,000 will become a part of the permanent endowment of the college and the total income from the gift will be used as a loan fund for worthy students of William Carey College for scholarship purposes. In establishing the William Carey College Bass Memorial Fund, Mr. Bass said, "It is my hope, and that of my family, that this fund will be of great benefit over the years to both the students and to William Carey College."

Mrs. Bass, a trustee of William Carey College at the time of her death in June, 1960, was a graduate of Industrial Institute and College of Columbus (now Mississippi State College for Women). She was always active in civic, church and

social affairs in Hattiesburg and south Mississippi. Mrs. Bass was a member of the Federation of Woman's Clubs and was on the State Library Commission. From 1933-35, and again from 1949-50, she was president of the Lumberton Woman's Club. Gardening was another of Mrs. Bass's interests and she was a member of three garden clubs: Lumberton, Hattiesburg, and the Orleans Club of New Orleans.

Was Teacher

For many years Mrs. Bass served as Sunday School teacher and Adult Sunday School Superintendent of the Lumberton First Baptist Church.

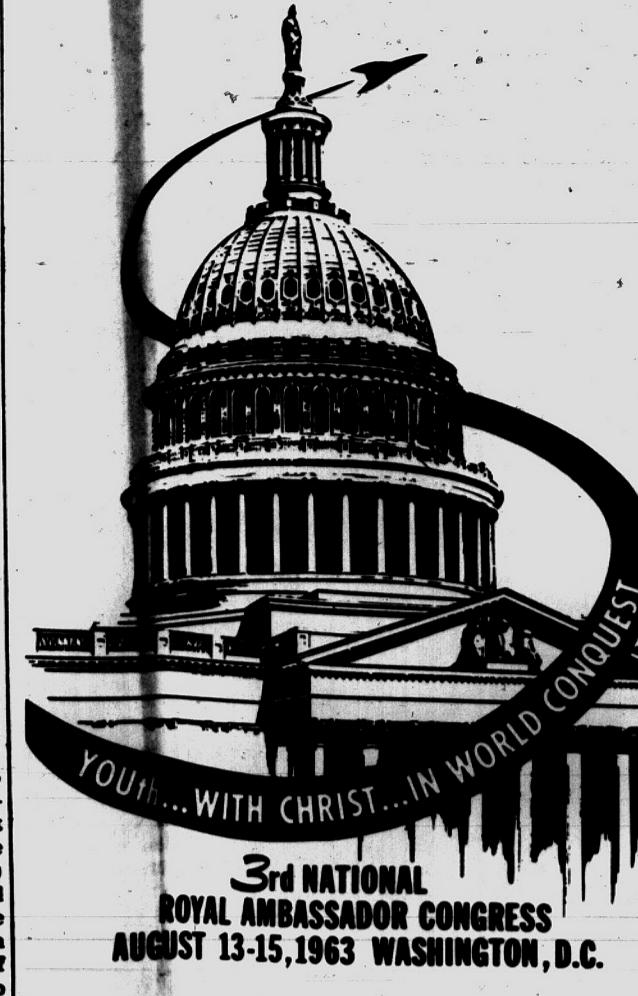
In addition to her many outside interests, Mrs. Bass played an active role in the business enterprises of her husband. She was a director of the Bass Minerals Management Corporation and Treasurer of Bass Pecan Company. The latter company has had a large measure of the responsibility for the active development of the Town of Lumberton.

Mr. & Mrs. Bass had five children: Isaac Houston Bass, Jr. (deceased), Mrs. Michael Joseph Eubanks (Nell Elizabeth Bass), Pastor Ray Bass,

Mrs. Francis Vernon High (Mary Josephine Bass), and Mrs. Hoyt Fenn Bass Smith.

In making the announcement of the gift, Dr. Noonester said, "The generosity of the Bass family is an inspiration and challenge to us as we enter into this program of expanded services to the youth of our area."

Some people are always more deep in conversation.



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CONGRESS SIGNATURE OKAYED — The official signature for the Third National Royal Ambassador Congress at Washington, D. C., has been approved by the promotion committee for the event. The congress is expected to attract 6,000 boys 12 to 17 years old and their counselors from 50 states. It's sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Brotherhood departments.

Let 1963 President Serve One Year

By Lewis E. Rhodes
Pastor Broadway Church
Knoxville, Tenn.

Baptists are creatures of habit. We do something long enough that it becomes a "sacred cow." This is true of our habit of electing the President of the Southern Baptist Convention for two terms. There may be no better reason than this is the way we have been doing it. There are good reasons for not doing it. There would probably be good arguments for doing it. These have not come before the writer.

No constitutional or by-law change needs to be made. Since we have operated with what we have, electing a man to succeed himself, we can elect him to serve one year without the automatic nomination for the second year.

The election of officers in San Francisco was played up, but apparently no one was elected, not even the incumbent president. Any messenger could have nominated someone else. Precedent, however, discouraged this.

The following reasons are advanced for having a one-year term:

Sees Great Demands
One, no church needs to have the demands made upon its pastor or itself that the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention makes.

Two, the second year adds little honor to the president, his church, or his business or

God's. He is more than ready to pour out revival on His people in the very instant we are willing to pay the price.

profession, if he is not a pastor.

Three, the Southern Baptist Convention is too complex for any person to give a fixed image of it. Two years do more of this than one year would.

Four, if we should elect a president who should become a controversial figure, we would have a shorter waiting-out period.

Five, it would give us variety and larger expression of Baptist leadership and life.

Sixth, it would quicken interest in the Convention. There may be more of us who get a "bang" out of electing officers than some may think, provided we do not know ahead of time, twelve months to be exact, who is going to be elected. It will probably take more than the usual amount of stimulation to fire up a certain political party in 1964. Reason: the candidate is already nominated. The dull formalities must be endured.

Seventh, the one-year system would allow us to pay honor and tribute to a rural pastor or small church pastor in some way except with lip service. The "grassroots and backbone" of our Baptist life is usually given the crumb that falls from the table of denominational honors. These men, publicly praised for their great consecration, ability, and devotion to the denomination are given seconds and thirds. The presidents continue to be men who represent the large, prestige churches. This is in contradiction to what Baptists claim they are and do.

The convention could well have an intelligent rural pastor as president for a year.

The pastor with 200 in Sunday school, \$10,000 budget, \$1,000 Cooperative Program, 15 baptisms, and no Brotherhood might serve his denomination as president. We could try with less risk on a one-year hitch.

Miss Marylu Moore was ap-

pointed for Italy, where her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Dewey Moore, are Southern Baptist missionaries.

Miss Moore was born in Washington, D. C. Dr. Ruth Dickerson, ap-

pointed for East Pakistan, is the daughter of former inde-

pendent Baptist missionaries to

Brazil. She is a native of Ken-

tucky.

Other appointees, their na-

tive states, and fields of serv-

ice are Billy J. Davenport and

Martha Reid Davenport, both

of Texas, for South Brazil;

Richard C. Henderson, Wash-

ington, and Katherine (Pat)

Robert Henderson, Illinois, for

Ghana; Mack P. Jones and Ma-

rie Martin Jones, both of Mis-

sissippi; for Paraguay.

Also, C. Ray Rogers, North

Carolina, and Joyce Campbell

Rogers, South Carolina, for In-

donesia; Arville E. Bentler and

Pauline McMahon Bentler, both

of Texas, for East Africa; H.

Robert Tucker, Jr., and Mar-

ie Roberts Tucker, both of

Texas, for Venezuela; and Kath-

arine Weldon, Texas, for Mexi-

co.

Sister School May Continue Operation

Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, sec-

retary for Africa, Europe, and

the Near East, said recent talk

which he had with the Minister

of Education in Ghana may re-

sult in the continued operation

of Sadler Baptist Secondary

School, near Kumasi. Much will

depend upon early recruitment

of at least four missionary

teachers who can meet the high

qualifications established by the

Ghana Government.

Commenting on the Board's

action which asked for the ap-

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Pray For Montana Revivals

More than twenty Mississippi preachers are now participating, or soon will be participating, in simultaneous revivals in Southern Baptist churches in Montana.

Every Mississippi Baptist should pray daily and earnestly for these meetings, that God may give many spiritual victories.

Southern Baptist churches in Montana are, in most instances, very small. Most of them have less than 75 members. Neither do these churches have the place of influence in the community which Baptist churches in Mississippi usually enjoy. Often it is very difficult to get people even to attend services, simply because the churches are new and Southern Baptists are little known in the area.

At the same time, however, there will not be found anywhere in the world more dedicated and devoted pastors and members than are found in these pioneer (as far as Southern Baptists are concerned) fields. They are doing a tremendous job of witnessing for Christ.

There are many lost souls in Montana, even as there are every where else, including Mississippi, and God has given to Southern Baptists part of the responsibility for reaching them. That is the reason Mississippi churches are sending their pastors to Montana to assist in the mission work there through these revivals.

Pray that the Holy Spirit may lead in every service, empower every preacher, and bless every church so that true revival may come during this crusade period. Nothing could do more to strengthen Southern Baptist work in Montana than for a great spiritual revival to sweep the churches across the entire state.

These evangelists, pastors and people cannot bring such revival by their own efforts. It must come from God. Pray that it will come now!

GUEST EDITORIAL

Missions Pattern

Of Giving Changing

By W. R. Roberts
Annuity Board Representative, Mississippi

According to Porter Routh, treasurer of S.B.C. work, Cooperative Program income showed a gain of 1.86 per cent over first quarter, 1962. He said designated receipts for S.B.C. work for the same three months period was up 9.31 per cent over first quarter 1962.

The above facts speak volumes. If the leadership in our local churches are wise they can read the handwriting on the wall. The plain truth is that our people are mission minded and they intend that mission needs around the world are to benefit from tithes and their offerings.

Dr. Chester Quarles tells us that 80% of our churches give 10% or less of the offering plate dollar through the Cooperative Program for world missions and that 48% give 5% or less. Our church membership is not fooled—nor are they happy. The majority of our people know of the needs around the world. They know, too, that their church should be a steward just as the individual. When those responsible for making up a church budget allocate only a token amount for Cooperative Program, there is only one alternative—designate. Our people are doing just that. The end isn't in sight.

In scores of our churches, there is a gap between the budgets and the receipts. With the exception of a mild recession in the middle of 1962, there is no plausible reason for this gap from the standpoint of the economy of our people. Possibly we should look for the cause of our sagging receipts. We would likely discover that our conscientious givers don't want to see all their offering and God's tithes spent locally. They want a larger portion to go for missions. Since the majority of our churches don't have a worthy mission program, the individual does the next best thing, he designates.

If Baptists knew of a better plan of distributing mission money than the Cooperative Program, we would adopt it. The plan has pulled us through some hard times and held us together. It will continue to be a blessing if our church leadership doesn't rob the plan for local causes.

It is worthy of note that our churches that contributed the largest per cent of receipts through the Cooperative Program, are having no trouble meeting their budgets. Only those that have either cut back or have not increased, are experiencing difficulty.

Our Baptist people are missionary. They have to be. They are and will give to missions. Most would prefer giving through the Cooperative Program. If this is not possible through the church budgets, we will continue to see designation increase and Cooperative Program decrease.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Theme Suggested For

Forthcoming Convention

C. R. Daley in Western Recorder (Ky.)

Here's a nomination for a theme for the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City. It is sweet reasonableness, a term made meaningful by Dr. Syd Stealey in his teaching days at Southern Seminary. By sweet reasonableness is meant that happy medium between two dangerous extremes.

The Southern Baptist Convention is threatened by two such extremes at this time. Unfortunately these extremes are not even the intentions of those identified with them. They are branded as fundamentalism and liberalism, but neither is correct. We have very few fundamentalists or liberals in the true sense among Southern Baptists. We are predominantly conservative in theology as Southern Baptists.

The trouble is that those holding the more conservative position tend to brand those who are less conservative as liberals and the less conservative are prone to consider their more conservative brethren as fundamentalists. Such name calling is easy to lapse into but is highly unfair and dangerously divisive.

A healthy tension between the more conservative and less conservative elements among Southern Baptists has existed through the years. These have kept Southern Baptists in the middle of the road without falling into the errors of liberalism with fatal consequences or lapsed into a blind dogmatism or anti-intellectualism.

From time to time this tension has erupted into conflict with open charges and discipline. This is almost a natural consequence. Most often seminary teachers have been involved, as would be expected, since classrooms are for investigation and questions as well as indoctrination.

Latest Episode

The latest episode involving the dismissal of Mid-



THE WIND MOVES ALWAYS — THE WAVES MOVE ALWAYS. — ENS Photo.

New Sacred Records

THE UNCOMMON MAN by
Paul Harvey (Word W-3184-L
P)

Two messages by one of America's best known and most effective speakers. The first is "The Uncommon Man" and shows the fallacies of mediocrity and that leaders must rise above the average. The Other message is "All Men Are Not Created Equal" which shows in a startling manner that while all men may be equal before God they are not in their position, opportunities, etc., in the sight of men. Outstanding messages that most of us need to listen to more than once.

THE KOREAN ORPHAN CHOIR ON TOUR (Word W-3239-LP)

The 34 little choristers of the World Vision Korean Orphans Choir have captured the hearts of audiences all over America, and won thousands of other friends through their records. This album will win your heart too. Not all of the numbers are religious, since some numbers are folk and other music. Among the fifteen numbers are: Alas and Did My Saviour Bleed; How Great Thou Art; The Lord Is My Shepherd; O Susanna; Jeanie With the Light Brown Hair and Song of the Birds.

MARIAN ANDERSON, HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS (RCA-LM/LSC 2592).

One of the greatest singers in America, and one who has

western Seminary Professor Ralph Elliott has shaken Southern Baptists deeply. His book, containing progressive views of the book of Genesis, provided ammunition. Another factor was the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference in St. Louis in 1961 which had several addresses that disturbed the more conservative brethren. The 1962 Pastors' Conference in San Francisco went all the way in the other direction and became a cheering section for Ralph Elliott's hanging. The convention itself practically sealed Elliott's doom.

With Elliott's dismissal, a wave of protests has risen from individuals and groups in the name of freedom. Among those protesting are some Baptist college teachers and some of the less conservative pastors of the convention. Also, fellow professors at Midwestern and other seminaries are on Elliott's side though they have been kept under wraps for the most part by seminary administrations.

The big question now is what will happen at Kansas City. Will those who succeeded last year in getting Elliott continue their crusade against seminary teachers? On the other hand, will those feeling Elliott has been mistreated and Baptist freedom threatened try to press their point on the convention floor? Will, as rumored in some circles, there be an effort to reward some champion of orthodoxy by making him convention president?

Any such efforts at Kansas City would seem to be out of place. In the midst of World Missions Year and on the eve of celebrating 150 years of organized Baptist work in North America, it behooves Southern Baptists to forget blood letting and allow wounds to heal. Orthodoxy nor freedom is in grave danger among Southern Baptists. A vehement fight for either at Kansas City would come nearer destroying it than preserving it. Revenge or redress for any wrongs can better be had by leaving it to the Lord.

Above all, let's not use the office of convention president in such an unworthy manner. To elect one because he is conservative would be a mockery of the Holy Spirit Whom we claim to be our Guide. Why not leave it to the Lord to give Southern Baptists a humble man of God for spiritual leadership at this time without expecting him to be a theological arbiter or denominational troubleshooter?

In Kansas City let sweet reasonableness prevail. The great majority of Southern Baptists who want to get on with our task of world evangelism and moral example should be prepared to head off all needless divisiveness no matter how sincere.

BAPTIST BELIEFS

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

THE TRANSFIGURATION

The transfiguration of Jesus probably took place on Mt. Hermon (cf. Matt. 16:13), about one week after Peter's confession of His Messiahship (cf. Matthew and Mark say "after six days"; Luke, "about eight days, roughly one week, thus no conflict in the accounts). It is recorded by three of the Gospels: Matthew 17:1ff.; Mark 9:2ff.; Luke 9:28ff. The "inner circle," Peter, James, and John, witnessed it (cf. also Mk. 5:37; Matt. 26:37).

Was the transfiguration for the benefit of the disciples or Jesus? Probably for both. The disciples needed its lesson (cf. Matt. 16:22ff.; 17:5). Jesus was discouraged (?) (note His hu-

manity) by Peter's failure. It was Satan's temptation to avoid the cross all over again (cf. Matt. 4:6ff.; 16:21ff.).

Suddenly Jesus was "transfigured" (Matt. 17:2; Mk. 9:2).

The Greek word is *metamorphosis* (cf. English *metamorphosis*). It means a change of form.

Note the effect on Jesus' countenance and clothes (Matt. 17:2; Mk. 9:3; Lk. 9:29). This light did not shine on Jesus from without. It was His deity shining forth from within. The wick of His deity turned down low was suddenly turned up (G. Campbell Morgan). Morgan notes Jesus' sinlessness, otherwise this sudden outrushing of deity would have destroyed Him, had there been any flaw in Him (as the sudden heat of a lamp destroying a cracked chimney or globe).

Moses (law) and Elijah (prophecy) appeared, talking with Jesus. Luke says that they talked of His "decease" (9:31). Literally, "exodus," His exodus out of this world: crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension.

Why this? Morgan sees Moses and Elijah as representative of the Old Testament "saints" in heaven on "credit," looking forward to Jesus' redemptive work. If He did not "exodus" according to God's will, heaven would be emptied and hell filled. Thus Jesus was comforted (Robertson) and strengthened for the cross.

Peter's suggestion to build three tabernacles for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah, draws God's rebuke (Matt. 17:4-5). Peter sinned in placing Jesus on a level with other men, even Moses and Elijah. The disciples were to hear or listen to Jesus only. And so are we.

Moses and Elijah disappeared. And the disciples "saw no man, save Jesus only" (Matt. 17:8). They had learned the lesson. Have we?

And although Jesus charged them to tell this incident to no man until after the resurrection (Matt. 17:9), they never forgot it (cf. II Pet. 1:16-18).

The transfiguration of Jesus speaks of both His humanity and His deity. It is a message needed by His people through the ages.

For multitudes of people, gambling has a narcotic effect which leads them ever deeper into the degrading habit of seeking something for nothing. The compulsive gambler, according to many authorities, is as sick a personality as the compulsive drinker. Moreover there is an unquestionable link between gambling and crime. That link has been too well established by Congressional committees and the office of the Attorney General of the United States to be questioned by honest minds. A Brooklyn grand jury declared, "Gambling is the very heartbeat of organized crime both on a local and national scale."

40 YEARS AGO

A B. Y. P. U. was organized in the Wiggins Church September 7, 1902 with W. F. Bond, the principal of the High School as president. In February 1903, it had 68 members. "And more are coming in all the time," said Addie Smith, the secretary.

Miss Annie W. Armstrong while in Clinton spoke to the student body of Hillman College, and Mrs. P. I. Lipsey said that the message was "Like the perfume of flowers and sunshine after a rain."

40 YEARS AGO

President E. Y. Mullins of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, wrote to express appreciation for the series of the Gay Foundation Lectures by Dr. W. T. Lowrey of Mississippi. The general theme was, "The Preacher as a Man Among Men." Dr. Mullins concluded: "Dr. Lowrey minglest good sense and humor and practical ability in a remarkably fine way. I wish these lectures could be heard by every group of preachers in the South."

Thelma Bell, age 12, member of the Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, had not missed a church service, Prayer meeting, Sunday School or Sunbeam meeting in four years. (Her picture is in the Record.)

25 YEARS AGO

Rev. Dan Moulder's pastoral schedule for 1938: First Saturday; one church at A. M., a second at 2:00 P. M. and at night; First Sunday; One at A. M., another at 3 P. M. and at night; Second Saturday; one 11 A. M., another at 3 P. M. and night; Second Sunday; One eleven A. M., another 3 P. M. and night; Third Saturday; One at eleven A. M., another at night; Third Sunday; One at 11 A. M., another at 3 P. M. and at night; Fourth Saturday; One at 11 A. M., another at 3 P. M. and at night; Fourth Sunday; One at 11 A. M., another at 3 P. M. and at night.

(They were all quarter-

time churches: seven churches in all; three of them had him for two services each month; three of them had him for three services each month; and one (Beulah) had him for five services each month.)

Gambling produces nothing for our economy and adds nothing valuable to our society. Refuse to go along with the crowd if they catch this something-for-nothing fever. Really, gambling is not so much getting something for nothing as it is getting nothing for something. It deserves no place in our way of life.

As we seek to gain insight into this matter of gambling, let us heed the warning given by Jesus Christ, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness."

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Facts, Opinions On Presidency Of Southern Convention

The Capital Baptist

(Washington, D. C.)
One of the main items of interest at the Southern Baptist Convention this year will be the election of a president.

Almost anyone you talk with either asks you who you think the next president will be or they have a person to suggest as the next holder of the office.

It is of interest to study some of the history of the past presidents. There have been 31 presidents since the convention was organized in 1845. The terms of office have varied from one year to 17 years. For the first 50 years, presidents served longer periods of time. For example, Mell of Georgia served 17 years; Haralson of Alabama, 10; Boyce of South Carolina and Kentucky, 9; Howell of Virginia, 8, etc.

The next 33 years most terms were three years, Gambrill of Texas being the exception with four. Since 1933 all terms have been two years with the exception of Brown of Tennessee serving one year, Sampey of Kentucky and Lee of Tennessee three years each.

Ordained ministers have dominated the field as far as providing presidents. Of the 31 presidents, 25 have been ordained ministers and six have been laymen. Out of this number of ordained ministers, about six have been professors and educators, and one, Eagle, was Governor of Arkansas. The ratio of laymen to ordained ministers then is 6 to 25.

The background of the laymen is also of interest. Two were governors of states, Northern of Georgia and Neff of Texas. One was a U. S. Congressman, Hayes of Arkansas.

FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Maryland Baptist

THE PROPOSED REVISION of the 1925 statement of faith and message of the Southern Baptist Convention has now been published in all Southern Baptist state papers (see *The Maryland Baptist*, March 21) and the discussion of this revision has begun.

What prompted the Convention to authorize the revision was internal dissension over theological education. In view of the recent drive to restrict the freedom of professors, the doctrinal statement that has emerged is indeed mild. For this we can be grateful to President H. H. Hobbs, chairman of the special committee, and others who served with him. Only in the article on Education is the restrictive note explicit.

It is found in the second paragraph of the article, which has been changed from the 1925 version by the deletion of certain lines and the addition of this material. The new material reads:

"In Christian education there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. Freedom in any orderly relationship of human life is always limited and never absolute. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists."

There is probably not a single Southern Baptist who would disagree with this statement. No objection to the statement has been sounded by any professor, to the writer's knowledge.

What is objectionable, however, is the inclusion of this material in a confession of faith. This is not doctrine, but procedure. It might properly be considered by the Convention as a part of a statement on the program structure of theological seminaries, which, incidentally, is on the agenda for the Kansas City Convention. It is out of place in a statement on doctrine.

Point Unnecessary

Furthermore, the point is unnecessary. All of our theological seminaries have a detailed policy for academic freedom and tenure that gives due emphasis to academic responsibility. They have to have this to meet standards of accreditation. Midwestern Seminary

structure that the trustees are just installed, in March, makes this paragraph in the article necessary.

It would improve the article if the messengers in Kansas City would delete this paragraph.

If this provision is to stand,

This means that only three laymen who were not involved in politics have ever been president of the Southern Baptist Convention. As far as number of years served, laymen have served 23 years, ordained ministers 94 years.

Georgia Supplied Most

Georgia has supplied more presidents than any other state—five. Texas is second with four. Georgia's presidents have served a total of 28 years. Texas presidents have served 11 years. The number of presidents from other states and the total number of years served are: Alabama 1-10; Arkansas 2-5; Kentucky 3-15 (putting all nine years of Boyce in Kentucky); Louisiana 3-6; Maryland 2-7; Missouri 1-3; North Carolina 1-2; South Carolina 2-9; Tennessee 3-6; and Virginia 2-11.

Thirteen states have been the only states to provide president for the Convention. No state west of Texas or north of Maryland and Kentucky has ever had the privilege of having one of their own elected as president of the SBC. Two big Baptist states, Mississippi and Florida, have not supplied a president, nor has one ever been chosen from the District of Columbia. Not even a vice president has been chosen from the District of Columbia.

With the above facts in mind and realizing that more and more importance is being placed in the office of president, we would like to make some suggestions.

We believe the time has come to limit the term of office to president to one year. The demands upon the president of the Convention is more than should be asked of any man for

more than one year and likewise upon the church if he happens to be a pastor. The layman might find it even more difficult to spend two years as president. The schedule that a president steps into is very demanding. The one year term would also de-emphasize the image of power that has developed around the office in the past several years.

With a one year limit, twice as many people would be allowed to serve. It is surprising that in 118 years, only 31 men have served as president.

In addition to a one year term of office, we believe that more laymen ought to be asked to serve. Only two laymen have been elected president since 1911. Think of it, four years out of the last 52 have been filled by laymen.

We suggest also that among the ordained ministers, more be chosen from the denominational position, missionaries, state convention positions and educators.

In recent years more laymen have been added to the different boards, agencies and committees. To guarantee more laymen participating, the Constitution and By-Laws have been changed to provide for this representation.

More Laymen Recently

We suggest also that more states be represented in the office of president. More than half of the presidents have come from the following six states: Georgia, Texas, Kentucky, Alabama, Virginia and South Carolina. These presidents have served a total of 84 years as compared to all the rest serving 33 years. We well recognize that these are strong Baptist states but so are many others. If we are going to work

in all 50 states, hasn't the time come when some of the electives offices of the convention

should come from some other states?

Our conclusion is that the

term of office should be one year, that more laymen should be elected president and more of the ordained ministers ought to come from some place other than the pastorate and that other states ought to be given some consideration.

On the basis of these facts and suggestions, we could hope for a layman from Mississippi or Florida for president, a vice president from far west, and a vice president from the northeast; or vice versa if you like.

Change Our Witness?

By V. L. Stanfield
Professor of Preaching
New Orleans Seminary

Recently I was talking to a Baptist couple about transferring their membership to a local Baptist church. Having shared in the worship and witness of the church, they quickly agreed that they should become members of it. Then the man said, "In travelling about in our country and abroad, I have noted that Baptists do not have exactly the same beliefs and practices." To his statement, I replied "Isn't this natural in our heritage? We do not have a creed. We do believe in local church autonomy. We have steadfastly stressed that Scripture is our only rule of faith and practice. We have also insisted that each believer may interpret the Scripture as he is directed by the Holy Spirit. Baptists, therefore, have often had different answers to the same questions."

Later I recalled how often I had said a similar thing to a Christian seeking membership in a local Baptist church or to an inquirer seeking to learn about the Christian way as it expresses itself in a Baptist congregation. Repeatedly, I have given this testimony concerning my people. "We have no creed but the Scripture. Each man has the freedom to interpret the Scripture under the guidance of the Holy Spirit." One of the strong appeals of the Baptist way has been the freedom of mind and conscience offered to all men.

Are We In Danger

Are we in danger of deleting or "soft-pedalling" this part of our witness? There seems to be a new emphasis on creed. Pressure is being exerted for Baptists to give assent to the same set of beliefs. This trend is portrayed in a new book advertisement which promises that the book will give a "concise Bible-based reply" to the question, "What do Baptists really believe?" For one man, or even a group of men, to attempt to state what all Baptists believe is contrary to our history. This effort is more in harmony with Roman authority than Baptist freedom.

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We endorse this Statement heartily. We believe the truth so clearly set forth here balancing responsibility with freedom will find an echo in Southern Baptist hearts from one end of the Convention to the other.

Concerning cooperation the Statement sets forth both the need for it and the consequent need for associations and conventions through which it may best be secured. But it states the non-authoritative nature of such organizations with respect to the life and autonomy of the churches.

This Statement and all of its parts should be prayerfully studied by every Baptist. The more it is studied the more we believe it will be heartily approved for what it is meant to be, not a strait jacket of thought but a signboard pointing the way for our fellowship in the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

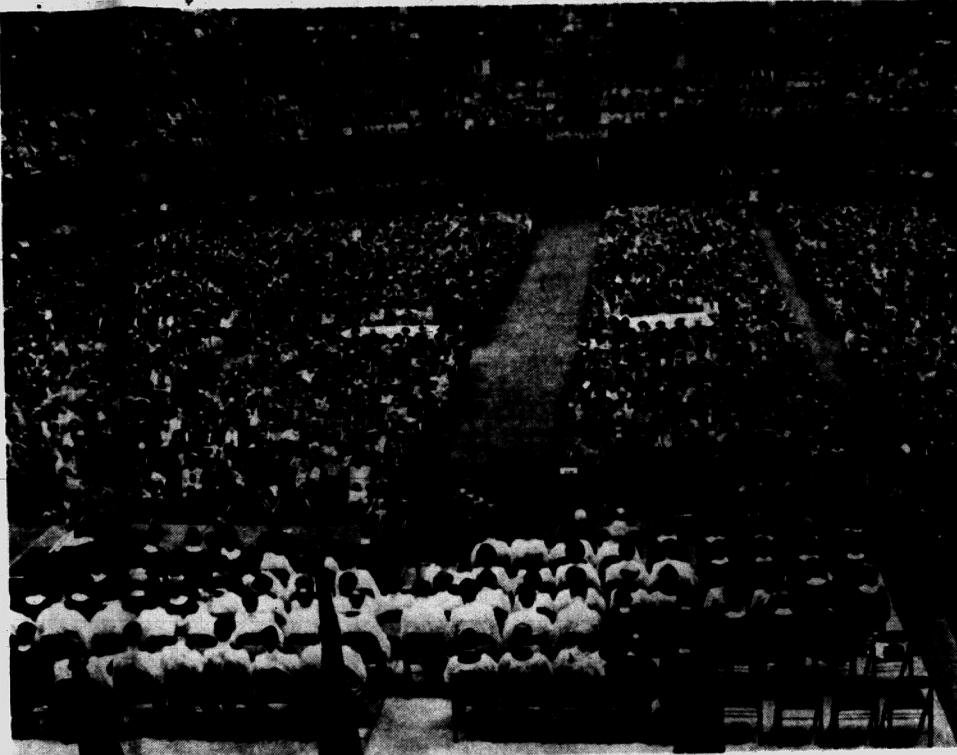
World Headquarters Planned For German Evangelicals

HAMBURG, Germany (RNS)—Headquarters for the Evangelical Working Committee for World Mission, coordinating agency for mission activities of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID), will be established in Hamburg.

The committee will work under auspices of the EKID Council and the German Evangelical Missionary Council.

The new headquarters will be a 10-man coordinating commission; six will be appointed by the EKID and six by the Missionary Council.

Since the end of World War II, German Protestant missionary personnel in overseas posts have increased from 180 to more than 1,000. German Protestant missionaries now serve in India, Indonesia, South Africa, Ethiopia, Egypt, Japan and New Guinea. Medical work is especially strenuous in German missions.



1963 AUDITORIUM—In this auditorium—the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Mo.—the 1963 session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held May 7-10. Seating capacity is 10,500. It's the same place the Convention used for its 1956 session. The scene in the photo is of local Easter service. (BP) Photo

Signboard—Not Strait Jacket

The Baptist And Reflector (Tennessee)

The proposed Statement of Baptist Faith and Message has been printed in *Baptist and Reflector* (see issue of March 14, pages 9-12). This Statement of some 4,500 words is a signboard indicating the direction of Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis. It comes to grips with the problem of academic freedom and responsibility, with the problem of cooperation and the autonomy of the churches and with the nature of Baptist associations and conventions.

Doctrines Are Affirmed
A vital faith needs to be continually interpreted and related to the understanding of each succeeding generation. Southern Baptists are a people who stand for soul liberty. There are certain definite doctrines which they affirm. These doctrines are generally held among Southern Baptists. But Southern Baptists do not have an official creed nor have they

each of which is documented with hundreds of scripture references citing chapter and verse.

The proposed Statement is old and new. It builds well on the New Hampshire Confession of Faith and on the 1925 Statement of Faith and on the 1925 Statement of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis. It comes to grips with the problem of academic freedom and responsibility, with the problem of cooperation and the autonomy of the churches and with the nature of Baptist associations and conventions.

Teaching of Evolution
The great men who wrote that 1925 statement, therefore, enlarged the article on The Fall of Man, to make it very clear that they believed that man was created by a special act of God, and did not evolve from lower creatures.

Today, as more scientists question the validity of the theories of evolution, Southern Baptists are generally glad that our leaders in 1925 had the fortitude to spell out their beliefs in the face of popular opinion.

Now, we face the question of what shall be taught in our Southern Baptist schools. Are we to issue a statement of Faith and Message and completely ignore a facet of our life that has caused an uproar of discussion and argument for the past two years?

We Believe That It Belongs

Baptist Digest (Kansas)

It is no surprise to learn that there are some objections to the article on Education in the proposed statement of Baptist Faith and Message, which was printed in the March 23 *Baptist Digest*.

Robert F. Woodard, Maryland's member of the committee that prepared the statement, reveals that he and some unnamed Midwestern Seminary men dislike the second paragraph of this article:

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by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and by the distinct purpose for which the school exists."

"I took the position that what is said is fairly satisfactory within itself, but that it does not belong in a statement of faith. I agreed with the Midwestern men that it seems to be a hard slap at seminary professors and this is not the place for it!"

We, on the other hand, cannot think of a better place for Southern Baptists to make a firm and strong statement of their beliefs on the academic freedom and academic responsibility that they want to see in balance in their schools.

Created By Special Act

When Southern Baptists last approved a statement of Baptist Faith and Message, in 1925, the most virulent popular attack upon religion was the

teaching of evolution. The article on The Fall of Man, to make it very clear that they believed that man was created by a special act of God, and did not evolve from lower creatures.

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MRS. NELLY QUINTERO (left) and Dr. Roland Q. Leavell to New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Quintero painted the portrait, which was presented to the Seminary by Seminary alumni of Alabama, of which Dr. Owens is president.



A PART OF THE CONGREGATION at First, Batesville, on April 7, is shown at the building site of the new sanctuary and additional educational unit for the official ground-breaking ceremony. These buildings are already under construction, since the ground breaking had been postponed from an earlier date. In the foreground of the picture are two of the older members, Mrs. Edna Dickins and Will Bergland, as they hold the first shovels of dirt along with H. D. Graham, Chairman of the Building Committee, and the pastor, Rev. J. R. Davis, and Judy Boren, the youngest member. The congregation expects to occupy these buildings by the first of 1964.

REVIVAL DATES

Lena Church: April 28—May 3; Rev. M. G. Reedy, pastor of Highland Church, Laurel, evangelist; Rev. C. O. Estes, pastor.

East Fork, Smithdale (Amite): April 17-21; youth-led; Rev. Don Barfield, pastor; Locust Street Church, McComb, evangelist; Billy Rimes, song leader; Rev. T. F. Williams, pastor; Britt Honea, youth pastor.

Hillcrest Church, Jackson: April 22-29; Dr. Damon V. Vaughn, pastor of Magnolia St. Church, Laurel, evangelist and Jim Stroud, minister of music.

at Columbia Drive Church, Decatur, Ga., song leader. Weekly services 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. G. C. Cox, pastor.

Logtown Church: April 22-28; Rev. Joel Sturdivant, pastor of First Church, Golden Acres, Texas, evangelist; Ray Bell, song leader. (Rev. Paul Gerické, pastor, states, "We are praying for a real revival to strengthen Christians and win the lost, for our church will have to disband soon, as we are in the buffer area of the new Saturn Missile Test Site. The Baptist churches at Napoleon and Pearlington are joining with us in the meeting.")

Shady Grove (Panola): April 14-21; Rev. Dewey Smith, pastor, New Zion Church, Copiah County, evangelist; Rev. Charles Nail, pastor.

Moselle Memorial: April 22-28; Dr. R. R. Darby, pastor of Bayou View Church, Gulfport, evangelist; "Bible Study Revival," concentrating on the Book of Romans; R. V. Smith, song leader; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

Lucedale, First: April 21-26; Dr. Landrum Leavell, pastor, First Church, Gulfport, evangelist; Elio de Oliveira, minister of music, First Church, Conley, Georgia, music leader; Rev. Joe Stovall, pastor.

Petal-Harvey, Petal: April 21-28; Rev. Ben Hatfield, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, evangelist; Ray Luper, minister of music at Petal-Harvey, song leader; Rev. O. E. Thompson, pastor.

Clinton, Morrison Heights: April 21-26; Rev. Drew J. Gannels, pastor of Eastern Hills Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and former pastor at Summit, evangelist; Morris Chapman, interim music director at First, Canton, and senior at Mississippi College, song leader; Miss Terrell Yonkers, pianist; James Clark, organist; Rev. Jack A. Butler, pastor.

Bethel (Rankin): April 19-21; youth-led revival; night services only; Rev. Wayne Riley, pastor of Rehobeth Church, evangelist; Rev. W. C. McGee, pastor.

Eastabachie (Lebanon): April 28-May 5; Rev. J. A. Cothen, Pine Hill Church, Bogalusa, La., evangelist; Dallas Rayburn, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, singer; Rev. F. K. Ford, Sr., pastor.

Second Church Water Valley: April 21-28; Rev. Taylor, Blanton Street Church, Mem-

phis, Tennessee, evangelist; Rev. James Fondren, pastor; services nightly during week.

North Columbia Church, Columbia: April 19-21; youth-led; Rev. Grady Crowell, evangelist; Monroe McManus, song leader; Sybil Fortenberry, pianist; Rev. Carl S. Barnes, pastor.

Raymond Road, Jackson: April 21-26; Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor, Arrowood Church, Meridian, evangelist; Joe Robison, song director; Rev. R. R. Newman, pastor; services nightly during week; dinner on the ground Sunday, April 21.

McLaurin Heights, Jackson: April 21-28; Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor, Parkway Church, Jackson, evangelist; Rev. J. C. Renfroe, pastor and music leader.

First, Summit Opens Library

NASHVILLE — One Mississippi church registered a new library with the Church Library Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, during February.

First Church, Summit, reported the new library. Rev. Odean W. Puckett is pastor, and Miss Lela Bickham is librarian.

A total of 80 libraries in 17 states was registered in February.

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Psalms In Worship And Life

By Clifton J. Allen

Psalms 1; 15; 73

We begin with this lesson a unit on "Inspiration from the Psalms." The psalms are expressive of the deepest realities in human experience. Because they express the yearnings of the human heart and because they set forth such concepts of true religion as reverence, trust, praise, penitence, forgiveness, thanksgiving, aspiration, and hunger for the presence of God, they speak to us in terms of our own spiritual needs. The study of these lessons from the book of Psalms should bring to us fresh experiences of the goodness and mercy of God and new insights as to moral character and spiritual duty. The psalms selected for this lesson declare the truth about the blessedness of godliness, the demand for righteousness, and the problem of faith in the midst of wickedness and suffering.

Goodness is rarely equated with greatness. Integrity is all too frequently discounted for profit or popularity. Ethics trails far behind science in the public mind. All this should jerk us up, make us think. In the sight of God faith and goodness alone will survive the fire of judgment.

The Lesson Explained
INSPIRATION FOR GODLINESS (Psalm 1)

The godly person (vv. 1-3).—The godly person is one who rejects the ways of evil. He refuses to walk in the council of the ungodly. This means that he will not take their advice nor live by their standards. He

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spurns the way of the wicked and therefore refuses to stand in the way of sinners. This means that he will not be identified with them; he will have nothing to do with their practices and principles. Next, he refuses to sit down in the seat of the scornful. This means that he rejects the fellowship of those who ridicule what is sacred and good. The deepest purpose of his heart and the bent of his life are set on the virtues and qualities that spring from faith in and obedience to God. His delight is in the law of the Lord. He accepts the law of God as the guide and standard for life and meditates on it constantly to find instruction and inspiration. The result is that he bears the fruits of godliness—honesty, purity, unselfishness, and courage.

The ungodly person (vv. 4-6).—The ungodly person is the exact opposite of the godly man—in character, practice, influence, and destiny. He becomes like chaff because there is nothing in his life that serves the purpose of God, nothing that gives him acceptance before God, nothing that gives him acceptance in the congregation of the righteous. Not wanting to be good, he becomes wicked. Having no regard for the law of the Lord, he becomes rebellious and corrupt. Even so, the ungodly person must stand before God in judgment. But there he will be rejected because of his wasted, wicked life. God judges all men righteously, according to his perfect knowledge of every man. The destiny of the godly person is eternal life; but the destiny of the ungodly person is eternal torment.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (Psalm 15)
The question of the psalmist is: What kind of person will be able to abide in the presence of the holy God and offer acceptable worship and service to him? The answer emphasizes the moral demands of worship. No ritual or sacrament can make a person clean. The character of God prescribes the character of the worshipper.

In order to have fellowship with God, a person must be marked by uprightness and purity. There is no compromise or crookedness in conduct and no deceit or perversity in his mind. He is therefore not given to backbiting or to slander of any kind with his neighbor. His attitude toward other persons is without malice and jealousy and ill will. He feels aversion for evil and appreciation for goodness. A good man despises evil regardless of the status of the evildoer, whatever his class or his race; but the righteous person honors one who is godly, whether poor or rich, ignorant or educated. Again, the person whose heart is right with God has such integrity that he will swear to his own

hurt, that is, he will tell the truth regardless of the consequences. And, finally, with unselfishness matching integrity, he will be given neither to usury nor bribery. He will thus not take advantage of the poor nor exploit the innocent nor try to pervert justice in his own behalf. The person who is like this "shall never be moved."

Truths to Live By
The psalms speak to the heart.—They express feeling with intensity. We cannot read them without feeling the heartbeat of love and joy and wonder and praise and anger and anxiety and penitence and sorrow and bitterness and grief and resolution and hope. The psalms came from hearts aching with remorse and loneliness, with uncertainty and perplexity. But they came also from hearts full of hope and overflowing with praise, hearts in which the reality of God and the joys of salvation brought peace and security. If we read the psalms with regularity, our hearts will begin to feel the power of communion with God and the zeal and strength of God's grace and purpose.

Worship and morality are inseparable.—The Bible teaches this from beginning to end. God is holy and righteous. Therefore, those who worship him must be sincere and upright. Moral compromises and two-faced ways of living are an abomination to God. Lying and stealing and drunkenness and immorality simply cannot escape the judgment of God. His righteous wrath is breaking forth constantly against all irreverence and unrighteousness. Waywardness and backsliding should be renounced, and persons guilty of such should humble themselves before God in contrition and reparation.

Persons need to recapture the idealism of goodness.—It is our shame—and a revelation of our wickedness—that the idealism of goodness has almost dropped out of our culture. It is no longer said to be the object of education. It is not a factor in politics. It is not a goal for art or literature. In a world like ours—so cynical and selfish, so heartless and cruel, so materialistic and corrupt—we desperately need the kind of idealism found in two psalms which we have studied. God declares that godliness leads to happiness, that iniquity leads to destruction, and that goodness gives one standing before the Almighty.

These cards should be obtained and properly filled in by local church officials and then presented at the time of registration at the Convention.

Article II of the SBC Constitution reads:
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Hubert Reeves

Joins Staff

At Morgantown

Hubert Reeves has accepted the call of the Morgantown Church, Natchez, to serve as Minister of Education and Music, according to announcement of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Lee. Mr. Reeves has served in a similar capacity for the past one and a half years with First Church, Friona, Texas. A native of Tyler, Texas, Mr. Reeves has also served with churches in Tyler, Brownwood, and Spearman, Texas. He has been called upon to lead in evangelistic music in many Texas and Oklahoma cities.

Mr. Reeves received his training from the Tyler Junior College and from Howard Payne College in Brownwood, Texas, with a B. S. degree in Music.

He is married to Ruth McKay of Tyler. The Reeves have two sons, James and David. They will make their home in the Morgantown community.

SBC Registration Cards Available

Registration cards for messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention which will meet in Kansas City May 7-10, are available in the office of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary and will be supplied to churches upon request.

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2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members, or for each \$250.00 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal years preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than ten (10).

RA's Honor
Former Leader

Members and assistant leaders of the Royal Ambassador Chapter of First Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi, have adopted resolutions in memory of a departed leader, Robert Dwight Anderson. The resolution, in part, stated:

"On February 10, 1963, our hearts were saddened when the news came of the passing of our beloved leader and friend, Mr. Anderson. All who knew him loved him and were inspired by his faithfulness to his church, his Royal Ambassador work, and his devotion to boys. He was Warren County R. A. Leader. A devoted husband and father, he had a son who is a member of the First Baptist Chapter. Our hearts are saddened because our dear friend and leader is gone. We commend all whose hearts have felt this sorrow to Him who has promised 'He that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.'

Mrs. Tipton Dies

Mrs. W. H. Tipton, emeritus missionary to China, died in an Asheville, N. C., hospital March 20, five days after her 85th birthday. She was buried April 1 in Ridgecrest (N. C.) Memorial Park, near Black Mountain, where she had made her home.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

APRIL 14, 1963

Amory, 1st	716	246	4
Main	608	196	22
Mission	106	50	1
Arbor Grove (Chi.)	132	80	1
Artesia	63	53	1
Baldwyn, 1st	349	94	1
Bethel (Lamar)	115	102	1
Bethel (Rankin)	122	59	1
Belden	201	104	1
Bethel (Copiah)	189	128	1

Biloxi:

First

Emmanuel

First Ridge

Trinity

Brandon, 1st

Brookhaven

Main

Halbert Heights

Bridg. 1st

Bruce Mission

Byram Memorial

Calhoun City, First

Carterville (Leb.)

Cottage, 1st

Cotton Grove (Greene)

Cotton Grove (Monroe)

Collins

Columbia, 1st

Cotton

Cotton

Mission

Corinth, First

Cricksdale, Oakhurst

Cleveland:

Calvary

Emmanuel

Morrison Chapel

Crowder

Crystal Springs, 1st

Eastabuie (Leb.)

Fellowship (Choctaw)

Flowood (Pike)

Georgetown

Greenville:

Emmanuel

First

Main

Greenfield

Chinese

Pineview

Greenwood:

North

Calvary

Grenada, Emmanuel

Gulf Guards

Handboro

Hattiesburg:

Main Street

North Main

Wayside

First

Female

Central

38th Avenue

Indiana, Second

Jackson:

Blairwood

Magnolia Park

First

Way

Crestwood

Ridgecrest

Woodville Heights

McLaurin Heights

Lakeview

Highland

Raymond Road

Parkway

Alta Woods

Daniel Memorial

Oak Forest

Woodland Hills

Cavairy

Main

Mission

Van Winkle

Ridgeview St.

Forest Hill

Hillcrest

Magnolia Park

Grandview

Leisure:

MEDLEY E. GOODWIN DIES

The deacons of First Church, Greenville, Dr. Perry Claxton, pastor, have adopted a resolution paying tribute to Medley E. Goodwin, who died recently.

The resolution records "deep sorrow at the death on March 24, 1963, of the esteemed and beloved brother, Medley E. Goodwin, who for many, many years faithfully served his Lord and this church as a deacon."

"Deacons of First Church hereby give formal expression of its grievous loss, and does hereby note in its whose memory all will cherish, and who was esteemed by his associates, loved by his friends, and respected by all. Brother Goodwin shall be remembered as the quiet, sincere and active member who took his place wherever assigned with willingness and with cooperation."

Eastabuchie To Celebrate 80th Anniversary

Eastabuchie Church will celebrate its 80th birthday as a church this year. In this connection plans have been made for a Homecoming day, May 5th.

This church, built on the county line between Forrest and Jones Counties, eight miles north of Hattiesburg, is one of the oldest churches in the Lebano Association.

Plans include all-day services on Homecoming Day, May 5, regular worship services in the morning, with dinner on the grounds, and special services in song and sermon in the afternoon. Rev. T. K. Ford, Sr. is the pastor. See "Revival Dates" column.

Reunion Classes At Blue Mountain

When Alumnae Day is held at Blue Mountain College, on May 4, the following classes will hold special Reunions: 1902, 1908, 1918, 1938, 1928, and 1913.

These classes will be honored with a special afternoon session, which is to be held in Garrett Auditorium, and members of each Class will assemble around reserved tables at the noon Alumnae Luncheon.

DEVOTIONAL—

Healing Humanity's Hurt

By Rev. O. B. Beverly,
Pastor, Woodville

Jesus wants his followers to realize that in their identification with him they should share suffering, that they would be motivated and strengthened in their desire to follow his example and share in his mission. The thing that would distinguish them in the task would be that they were his servants, going about his work, and in so doing would share his name. They would be setting forth the work of the kingdom and would be sharers in the rewards of victory.

The healing of humanity's hurt calls for compassion. We become so absorbed in our own personal interests and so dulled by the materialism of every day living that we lose the piercing stab of humanity's heartbreaking hurt. We need a heart of compassion for those bound by superstition and ignorance. We need to feel genuine sympathy for the mistreated, the victims of suffering and heartbreak. We need to feel concern of the deepest sort for the millions of people who have never had the opportunity to hear the message of the Bible and to know the gospel of salvation.

This task calls for dedicated workers. Every church, however, faces the need for more workers within its membership to carry forward the many aspects of its fellowship and service. More helpers with children, more to visit, more to teach, more soulwinners, more people who will be leaders for God, and more people who will go out to help the lonely, the sorrow-stricken and unhappy. To secure these needed workers, there must be prolonged periods of prevailing prayer.

As followers of Christ, we must carry forward all he began both to do and to teach. Ministering to the sick and destitute is considered a part of our mission; evangelization would be included; and teaching essential truths of God's word for constructive living is considered an obligation. Helping cure social evils and notwithstanding the forces of iniquity are a part of the task.

Last, but not least, Christian missions is the mission of every follower of Christ. Following him 'till the message and the truths of Christ's kingdom are made known in every heart and in every town in all the world.

EXTINGUISHING THE SPARK

By William C. Young
William Carey College

Dr. Skinner, a great experimental psychologist, has demonstrated that rats can learn to perform useful tasks by conditioning them through rewards. However, after learning to work at a task, they can be discouraged to stop striving through a lack of reward. This process is called extinguishing.

All people are conditioned to expect to receive bits of reward in the form of encouragement, compliments, growth thoughts, etc. for doing what they consider is right. Individuals thrive on love. They grow as they love and are loved. Personal existence without love is living without life.

Proverbs 3:27 says, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do." The admonishment is for Christians to speak words of encouragement and hope and love to those that do good works for the Saviour of the world.

Encouragement Needed

Discouragement often comes as one begins to feel that he has not done enough, or he is not succeeding in personal service. The result is often a feeling of, "What's the use?"

However, it is also a well known fact that words of encouragement can translate a bumbling stumbling neophyte church member into a soul seeking, church serving, mature living man of God.

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BILL HENDERSON was licensed to preach March 31 by Looxahoma Church, Tate Association. Bill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Henderson of Horn Lake, graduated from Batesville High School and is currently enrolled at Northwest Mississippi Junior College where he is active in the Baptist Student Union. Rev. Gene Henderson, a brother to Bill, is pastor of the Looxahoma Church.

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